2018 VETERANS Resource Directory

DIRECTORY OF VENDORS AND OTHER RESOURCES

HOWARD COUNTY MARYLAND





Department of Community Resources and Services

The Howard County Office of Veterans and Military Families recognizes and addresses the growing needs of the 20,000+ VETERANS who call Howard County home.

We are dedicated to providing guidance, information and resources for local veterans, military families, their dependents and survivors.

We also collaborate with other service providers in local government, non-profits and the business community to address more complex issues and assist in the navigation of other available resources.



TELE 410-313-6400 (VOICE/RELAY)

EMAIL veterans@howardcountymd.gov

6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, Suite 300, Columbia, MD 21046

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, Maryland Chapter

Contact Kathrin Olbrich at kolbrich@afsp.org

www.afsp.org/maryland • www.facebook.com/AFSPmaryland

Established in 1987, the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) is a voluntary health organization that gives those affected by suicide a nationwide community empowered by research, education and advocacy to take action against this leading cause of death. AFSP is dedicated to saving lives and bringing hope to those affected by suicide. AFSP creates a culture that's smart about mental health by funding scientific research, educating the public about mental health and suicide prevention, advocating for public policies in mental health and suicide prevention, and supporting survivors of suicide loss and those affected by suicide.

American Legion: Ellicott City Post 156

P.O. Box 2416, Ellicott City, Maryland 21041 • 410-340-7892

Contact John Sheldon at adjutant@legionpost156maryland.org

www.legionpost156maryland.org

Since our charter in 1974, Adams, Hanna, Moore Memorial Post 156 has been welcoming veterans from all branches of our Armed Forces. Today, we continue to welcome all military personnel serving our country. Joining Post 156 enables you to continue serving your God, Country and Community. Our mission is to implement the goals, aspirations, dreams, peace and blessings for our country, friends and families embodied in our preamble. Some of our programs include Boy Scout Venturing Crew in marksmanship, Boy Scout shotgun merit badge sponsorship, Flag Retirement program, Vets-in-School program, Boys State/Girls State sponsorship program, Veterans Day Parade, Annual First Responder Recognition and JROTC award program.

Anne Arundel Workforce Development Corporation — Military Corps Career Connection (C3)

613 Global Way , Linthicum MD 21090 • 240-517-9162

Shauna Donahue, Project Director

veterans@aawdc.org • www.aawdc.org

Anne Arundel Workforce Development's Military Corps Career Connection (C3) initiative assists transitioning active duty, active duty spouses and veterans (48 months out of active duty service) make the successful transition to a civilian career. C3 is funded by a US Department of Labor National Dislocated Worker grant so there is funding to cover the costs of training, supportive services, exams and on the job training. C3 uses a tailored approach to create an effective employment and training delivery system. C3 has a team of Veteran Navigators to assess military or work experience to fill in skill gaps with appropriate training, intervention and wrap around services.

Armed Services Arts Partnership (ASAP)

625 N. Washington Street, Suite 425, Alexandria, VA 22314 • 202-730-8206

Contact Sam Pressler at sam@asapasap.org

www.asapasap.org

We reintegrate veterans back into the community through the Arts. We offer intro-level courses in story-telling, comedy, improv and writing free of charge to veterans, service members, and military family members.

The Baltimore Station

140 W. West Street, Baltimore, MD 21230 • 410-752-4454 x301

www.baltimorestation.org

At The Baltimore Station, we turn lives around. We are an innovative therapeutic residential treatment program supporting veterans and others who are transitioning through the cycle of poverty, addiction, and homelessness to self-sufficiency.

Building Healthy Military Communities

29 Division Street, Baltimore, MD 21201 • 410-576-6884

Contact William Crow at william.t.crow.ctr@mail.mil

www.jointservicessupport.org/BHMC • www.facebook.com/BHMC Maryland

The DoD has launched the BHMC pilot which targets the "enhancement of recruitment, retention, readiness, and resilience" of the total force. They seek to better understand resource challenges and develop a comprehensive strategy to support Total Force Fitness (TFF), DoD's framework for improving health, readiness, and resiliency of Service members through eight domains of fitness (physical, environmental, medical/dental, nutritional, spiritual, psychological, behavioral, and social). The BHMC pilot will inform the TFF Capabilities Based Assessment in evaluating and supporting current programs and services addressing TFF domain areas, identifying any capability gaps, and how the DoD can help meet the gaps. The Service Provider Network (SPN) is a great resource for Service Members, Veterans and Families. The SPN map provides location-sensitive contacts and resources near you.

Community Action Council of Howard County

6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, 2nd Floor, Columbia, MD 21046 • 410-313-6440

infocac@cac-hc.org • www.cac-hc.org

CAC's goal is to diminish poverty, enable self-sufficiency, and advocate for low-income families and individuals. For nearly 50 years, CAC has served the Howard County community by helping people help themselves. Our aim is not to provide a hand-out, but rather a hand-up. Through strong partnerships with all levels of the public and private sector, along with dedicated volunteers, we serve our clients with strong dedication every day by providing a quality, year-round pre-school through our Head Start program; assistance with utility bills; Howard County's Food Bank; and weatherization of client residences.

Fort Meade Army Community Service (ACS)

830 Chisholm Avenue, Ft. Meade, MD 20755 • 301-677-5590 • FAX 301-677-2910 www.meade.armymwr.com

The mission of ACS is to facilitate the commander's ability to provide comprehensive, standardized, coordinated, and responsive services that support Service members, Department of Defense Civilians, and Families regardless of geographical location and to maximize technology and resources, eliminate duplication in service delivery, and measure service effectiveness.

Fort Meade Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC)

2212 Chisholm Avenue, Ft. Meade, MD 20755 • 301-677-9014/9017

NIOCMDFFSC@navy.mil • www.meade.armymwr.com/programs/fleet-and-family-support-center

The Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) provides unified, customer-focused, consistent, and efficient programs and services to support sustained mission and readiness. We provide the right services at the right time, to strengthen personal and family competencies to meet the unique challenges of the military lifestyle. Services and programs include: Clinical Counseling, Crisis Response, Deployment Support, Exceptional Family Member, Family Advocacy, Family Employment Readiness, Personal Financial Management, Life Skills Education, Navy Gold Star, New Parent Support, Ombudsmen Support, Relocation Assistance, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response, Transition Assistance, and Volunteer Program.

Heroes on the Water - Maryland Chapter

P.O. Box 706, Manchester, MD 21102 • 410-790-1695 maryland@heroesonthewater.org www.facebook.com/HeroesOnTheWaterMarylandChapter

Heroes on the Water provides therapeutic kayak fishing events for wounded service members, veterans, anyone who has ever served in the military, first responders and their families. We provide all gear, fishing guides, lunch for the day completely free, as a way of saying thank you for your service. We work closely with Walter Reed National Military Medical Center to help recovering service members, as well as conducting events to simply say thank you.

Hiring Our Heroes, U.S Chamber of Commerce Foundation

1615 H Street NW, Washington, DC 20062 • 202-779-3012 www.hiringourheroes.org

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation's Hiring Our Heroes (HOH) program is a nationwide, grassroots initiative to help veterans, transitioning service members, and military spouses find meaningful employment opportunities.

Howard County Autism Society

9770 Patuxent Woods Drive, Suite 308, Columbia, MD 21046 • 410-290-3466

info@howard-autism.org

www.howard-autism.org • www.facebook.com/HowardCountyAutismSociety

Serves individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), their families and their communities by providing information, support and advocacy; by promoting awareness of autism that values the dignity and uniqueness of each individual; and by working to improve the quality of and access to services and to educational opportunities. We believe that there is a place for every person with ASD in our world, a place of value and a place of worth. Much of our work is directed at raising awareness and educating the public about the complexities of ASD. Once people better understand ASD, they are better able to welcome and support people living with autism into our community.

Howard County Community College — Records, Registration and Veterans' Affairs

10901 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia, MD 21044 • 443-518-1240

veteransaffairs@howardcc.edu

www.howardcc.edu/military • www.facebook.com/howardcc

At HCC, we are proud to help active duty military personnel and their families, members of the Maryland National Guard, reservists, and veterans achieve their academic goals. We offer outstanding two-year degree and certificate credit programs, as well as non-credit programs built around careers that are in demand. Offering affordable options, HCC is a smart choice, with courses that will transfer to any one of a long list of four-year institutions and education that will prepare you for the workforce. HCC makes higher education accessible with multiple locations, flexible scheduling and online, hybrid, and accelerated learning formats. Our campus boasts state-of-the-art facilities and a vibrant cultural and arts scene. With a strong commitment to the veteran and military community, HCC also offers waived application and transcript evaluation fees; resident tuition rates, where eligible; deferred payment plan for GI Bill* and tuition assistance recipients; and a dedicated military and veteran student lounge.

Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families

6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, Suite 300, Columbia, MD 21046 • 410-313-0821

veterans@howardcountymd.gov

www.howardcountymd.gov/vetcomm • www.facebook.com/HoCoMilitary

Established in 2011 by County legislation, the Commission is comprised of 13 members, and created to support veterans and military families by strengthening Howard County's capacity to care for them. By connecting them to available resources, promoting educational and employment opportunities, and continuing community outreach efforts, we are committed to honoring our veterans and military families. Meetings are the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Howard County Department of Community Resources and Services

6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, Suite #300, Columbia, MD 21046 • 410-313-6400

The Department of Community Resources and Services has eight offices to address the needs of multiple generations, tailor services to different cultural values, and promote full inclusion for individuals with disabilities. Our *No Wrong Door* approach makes it easier for County residents to access the vital human services they need to thrive.

Office of ADA Coordination

410-313-6400 • ada@howardcountymd.gov www.howardcountymd.gov/ada

Provides technical assistance to County departments and informal guidance to the public regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act and other disability rights requirements. This office also supports County government's efforts in ensuring that disability-related policies, procedures and practices are implemented in compliance with applicable requirements and that County buildings and facilities are built and maintained in accordance with ADA and other mandates.

Office on Aging and Independence

410-313-1234 • map@howardcountymd.gov www.howardcountymd.gov/aging

Promotes the full inclusion of persons with disabilities, addresses the needs of an increasingly diverse cultural community, and supports the desires of our citizens to remain independent as they grow older. Our commitment to a No Wrong Door approach makes it easier for older adults, caregivers, adults with disabilities and their families to find the resources and services they need.

Marvland Access Point of Howard County

410-313-1234 • map@howardcountymd.gov www.howardcountyagingmd.gov/aging

Assists individuals 18 years and older with a disability or those 50+ explore short and long term support services. MAP serves the public and professionals in identifying, connecting and accessing several private and public resources such as assisted living, meals, medication management, caregiver support, support for chronic disease and Alzheimer's and dementia, 50+ Centers, Medicare counseling, housing options, social day programs, caregiver programs, home care registry, elder safety, and volunteering.

Office of Children and Families

410-313-1940 • children@howardcountymd.gov www.howardcountymd.gov/children

Connects families, caregivers and early care and education professionals to resources, information and best practices. Through the Family Institute and Launch into Learning, the office engages parents in workshops, activities and programs that promote school readiness, academic success and overall wellbeing for their children. The Office also serves as the County's Child Care Resource Center and is responsible for the training and professional development for all licensed child care providers.

Office of Community Partnerships

410-313-6400

www.howardcountymd.gov/OCP

Community Partnerships is the designated lead agency for the Continuum of Care (CoC) for homeless services in Howard County and administers the County's human services grants program. The CoC is the local planning body that coordinates housing and support services funding for homeless families and individuals. If you or someone you know is experiencing homelessness or an immediate housing crisis, please contact Grassroots Crisis Intervention 24-hour crisis hotline at 410-531-6677 (voice/relay).

Office of Consumer Protection

410-313-6420 • consumer@howardcountymd.gov www.howardcountymd.gov/consumer

Provides consumer information and education; resolves disputes between merchants and consumers involving the sale or rental of goods, real property or services or the extension of credit for personal, household or family purposes; investigates marketplace practices that may be unfair or deceptive and enforces consumer protection laws; and is responsible for the licensing and regulation of solicitors, peddlers and tow truck operators.

Office of Human Trafficking Prevention

Contact Sydney Ford at saford@howardcountymd.gov or 410-313-6558

www.howardcountymd.gov/OHTP

Our mission is to help prevent sexual and labor trafficking in Howard County and beyond. Its mandate is fulfilled (in part) through the work of the Human Trafficking Prevention Coordinating Council, and was established by Allan H. Kittleman, County Executive, in March 2017. The Council meets on a monthly basis, with two key committees — Trafficking Awareness Special Event and Training and Needs Assessment — meeting in the interim. There is no confidential information discussed in these meetings and they are open to the public. Anyone (victim or survivor) can receive help and referrals through us or partner agencies, such as HopeWorks (410-997-0304) or Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center 24-hour crisis hotline at 410-531-6677 (voice/relay).

Office of the Local Children's Board

Contact Kim Eisenreich at kaeisenreich@howardcountymd.gov or 410-313-1461

www.howardcountymd.gov/LCB

The LCB represents a wide range of public agency leaders and residents committed to creating a County where all children and youth have equitable access to education, health care, basic needs and enrichment. We take a collaborative approach to assessing and eliminating equity and opportunity gaps. We look across organizations and agencies to make sure the right programs are in place to meet the range of needs throughout the County, and review data to ensure programs and services are effective and are improving child and family outcomes. We inform local and state policymakers of the needs of children and families in Howard County and make recommendations for effective policies, programs and funding.

Office of Veterans and Military Families

410-313-0821 • veterans@howardcountymd.gov

www. howardcountymd.gov/veterans

Dedicated to providing guidance, information and access to Howard County veterans, military families, their dependents and survivors. We promote activities that serve veterans of all ages and collaborate with other service providers to address more complex issues.

Howard County Department of Housing and Community Development

6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, 3rd floor, Columbia, MD 21046 • 410-313-6343

Contact Lisa Wiseman at Iwiseman@howardcountymd.gov

www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Housing

Through a series of initiatives such as the Moderate Income Housing Unit (MIHU) Program, the Reinvest, Renovate, Restore (RRR) Program, and the Settlement and Downpayment Loan (SDLP) Programs, Howard County Department of Housing and Community Development aids income eligible veterans and active duty military personnel with opportunities to purchase homes or rent apartments below market. In addition, low interest rate loans are offered to assist eligible candidates with renovations and/or ADA modifications. For homeownership opportunities, these programs may be utilized independently or combined with VA financing for maximum benefit.

Howard County Health Department

8930 Stanford Blvd., Columbia, MD 21045 • 410-363-6300 askhealth@howardcountymd.gov • www.hchealth.org

The Howard County Health Department's mission is to promote, preserve and protect the health of all in Howard County. It provides health information and services including immunizations, family planning, STI & HIV testing and counseling, WIC, Maryland Children's Health Insurance Program (MCHIP), breast, cervical, and colorectal screenings, tobacco control, smoking cessation and more. The Adult Evaluation & Review Services (AERS) program connects county residents with resources to support independent living and personal well-being. Behavioral Health services include prevention, outreach and overdose response program.

Howard County Joint Military Council

Contact Ed Hall at ehall@telecomxchange.com or 410-340-7892

The mission of the Joint Military Council (JMC) is to facilitate, grow and represent member Veteran Service Organizations (VSO) and other Veteran organizations located in Howard County; to coordinate certain joint activities while providing member VSO and organizations the recognition they deserve; to communicate Veteran related news and initiatives with the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families with the intention of improving the quality of all Veterans and their families that live and work in Howard County.

Howard County Library System

9411 Frederick Road, Ellicott City, MD 21042 • 410-313-7750

www.hclibrary.org

Howard County Library System has six branches throughout Howard County which offer a variety of classes and a DIY collection, plus traditional and electronic resources. Available anytime, anywhere HCLS NOW! is the gateway to on-demand, self-directed education for all ages — available for FREE, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The library also offers literacy classes, passport services and computers for the public.

Howard County Office of Workforce Development

7161 Columbia Gateway Drive, Suite D, Columbia, MD 21046 • 410-290-2620 owd@howardcountymd.gov • www.howardcountymd.gov/howardworkforce

Howard County Office of Workforce Development provides personalized employment services to assist jobseekers and businesses with their workforce development needs. Services include: short term courses or training assistance to meet labor market demands, GED/ Adult Basic Education, employment and career consultation, resume enhancement & interviewing techniques, job placement assistance, veteran services, youth services, referral services and training grants for business and outplacement assistance for businesses that may be downsizing

The Howard County Veterans Foundation

P.O. Box 322, Lisbon, MD 21765

Contact Bob Gillette at gilletteerm@gmail.com or 443-668-1037

The Howard County Veterans Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that exists to honor the services and sacrifices of veterans and their families who live, work or play in Howard County. The Foundation is currently engaged in the planning and construction of a Veterans Monument to honor our veterans and their families.

MakingChange Financial Wellness Programs

9770 Patuxent Woods Drive, Columbia, MD 21046 • 410-313-0239

info@makingchangecenter.org • www.makingchangecenter.org

MakingChange empowers individuals and families to achieve financial stability. Our financial wellness programs include financial seminars, one-on-one financial coaching and free tax preparation services.

Marine Corps League, Detachment 1084

P.O. Box 2416, Ellicott City, MD 21041 • 410-340-7892

SSgt Karl G. Taylor, Sr. at tiltnkilt@comcast.net

www.hcmcl.iwarp.com

Members of the Marine Corps League join together in camaraderie and fellowship for the purpose of preserving the traditions and promoting the interests of the United States Marine Corps. This is accomplished by banding together those who are now serving in the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from that service; voluntarily aiding and rendering assistance to all Marines and former Marines and to their widows and orphans; and by perpetuating the history of the United States Marine Corps through fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines.

Maryland Army National Guard Family Programs

29 Division Street, Baltimore, MD 21201

CH (MAJ) Michael Clancy, MDARNG State Family Program Director 410-576-2992 (0) 443-540-1520 (C) • michael.w.clancy2.mil@mail.mil

www.military.maryland.gov/NG/Pages/Family-Readiness.aspx

The Maryland National Guard Family Readiness program offers a variety of services for Service Members, Families and Veterans. Services include Employment Referral for Service Members, Transitional Assistance Advisor from active duty to civilian status, Survivor Outreach Services, Child and Youth Services for Guard and Reserve. Information and referral services are also available for a wide variety of Service Member and Veteran needs.

Maryland Center for Veteran Employment and Training (MCVET)

301 N. High Street, Baltimore, MD 20202 • 410-576-9626

www.mcvet.org • www.facebook.com/mcvet.baltimore

Since 1993, MCVET has worked to successfully help homeless veterans in the Baltimore area achieve economic self- sufficiency and residential stability. Our mission is "to provide homeless veterans and other veterans in need with comprehensive services that will enable them to return to their communities as productive citizens". During its twenty-one years of service, MCVET has served over 9,254 homeless men and women veterans or "students" (as they are respectively referred to at MCVET) from all branches of the military.

Maryland Department of Labor Licensing and Regulation

Veterans Services – Workforce Development & Adult Learning

7161 Columbia Gateway Drive, Columbia, MD 21046 • 410-290-2600

www.dllr.state.md.us/employment/veteranservices.shtml

Contact your local American Job Center for assistance which offers a variety of services to assist veterans, transitioning military personnel, and other qualified individuals transition to a rewarding career. Priority of service is given to veterans and their eligible spouses who meet certain eligibility requirements.

Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA)

Howard County Multiservice Center

9900 Washington Blvd, Suite I, Laurel, MD 20723

Contact Dionna Dailey at dionna.dailey@maryland.gov or 410-313-0229

www.veterans.maryland.gov

Provides assistance to those who served in the Uniformed Services of the United States, their dependents, and survivors in obtaining benefits from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of Defense, State of Maryland and other programs for veterans and their families. We assist with developing, preparing and submitting compensation/pension claims to the Veterans Benefits Administration. Call for an appointment or walk-in M/W/Th/F from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesdays at Fort Meade VA Outpatient Clinic, 2479 5th Street, Fort Meade, MD 20755.

Maryland Legal Aid

3451 Court House Dr., 2nd floor, Ellicott City, MD 21043 410-480-1057 • 888-215-5316

www.mdlab.org

Provides free civil legal assistance to low income individuals and families in the areas of housing law, consumer law, government benefits, family law, and elder law. For qualified people, services range from legal advice to representation in court.

Maryland's Commitment to Veterans

201 W. Preston St., Baltimore, MD 21201

Contact Gordon Burke at gburke.mcv@gmail.com or 410-258-2513

www.veterans.maryland.gov/marylands-commitment-to-veterans

Maryland's Commitment to Veterans is a Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) program devoted to total wellness for veterans and their families. Regional resource coordinators provide assistance to veterans and their families to support a healthy transition to civilian life. With support from the DHMH's Behavioral Health Administration, they provide a solid connection to wellness services, with an emphasis on mental health and substance use disorder services.

Maryland Relay and Maryland Accessible Telecommunications

301 W. Preston Street, Suite 1008A, Baltimore, MD 21201 • 410-767-6960

www.mdrelav.org

Maryland Relay is a state provided public service that offers a wide variety of calling options and equipment solutions designed for those who have difficulty using a standard phone.

Maryland Therapeutic Riding

1141 Sunrise Beach Road, Crownsville, MD 21032 • 410-923-6800

www.horsesthatheal.org

Founded in 1996, Maryland Therapeutic Riding has been using the healing and therapeutic power of horses to improve the balance, strength, muscle tone, self-image, self-confidence, and quality of life for individuals with special needs. Maryland Therapeutic Riding is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that only exists due to the loving support and kindness of our volunteers. Contact us today for more information on how to become a rider or volunteer with us.

Military Order of the World Wars (Ft. Meade Chapter)

P.O. Box 833, Ft. Meade, MD 20755-0833

Contact Erwin Burtnick at eburtnick@comcast.net or 410-653-5577

www.moww.org

MOWW is a patriotic Veterans Service Organization centered on its motto, "It is nobler to serve than to be served." MOWW was founded in 1919 to promote good citizenship, patriotic education, and military and public service. MOWW provides opportunities to support patriotic education, ROTC and JROTC, scouting, monuments and memorials, law and order, and national and homeland security programs. Eligibility includes current, retired, and former commissioned or warrant officers of the uniformed services of the United States.

National Alliance on Mental Illness of Howard County

9650 Santiago Road, Suite 1, Columbia, MD 21045 • 410-772-9300

info.namihc@gmail.com • www.namihowardcounty.org

The mission of NAMI Howard County (NAMI HC) is to improve the lives of individuals with mental illness and their families through education, advocacy and support, and to increase awareness of mental illness throughout the community.

Office of Congressman John P. Sarbanes

2444 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 • 202-225-4016

www.sarbanes.house.gov • www.facebook.com/RepSarbanes

Ensuring that Veterans receive the benefits that they deserve in a timely manner is important to me. My office can assist veterans who have concerns about how their case or claim is being handled by the VA. By working with the congressional liaison team at the Baltimore Regional Office, my staff can assist with obtaining claim status information, informing the VA if an emergency financial hardship arises, or getting answers to questions you may have about a decision. If you or a veteran you know needs assistance, please contact my casework staff in Towson at 410-832-8890.

Operation Tohidu, Melwood Veteran Services

5606 Dower House Road, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772 • 301-599-4550

tohidu@melwood.org

www.melwood.org/veterans-services • www.facebook.com/melwoodveterans

Operation Tohdiu is a free five-day retreat program for veterans or service members that have been diagnosed or are self-identifying PTSD, anxiety or depression related to military service. There are men's, women's and couple's retreat in addition to a specialty offering for MST survivors.

Project Opportunity

28037 Herjen Terrace, Salisbury, MD 21801 • 410-860-6664

Contact Joe Giordano at joe.giordano@project-opportunity.com

www.project-opportunity.com

Founded in 2010, Project Opportunity is a FREE 10-week entrepreneurship training program for veterans and active duty military personnel who wish to start or expand a small business. We utilize the NxLevel Curriculum which is a nationally-recognized entrepreneurship training program and supplement the course material with presentations by subject matter experts in topics such as marketing research; cash flow analysis; commercial insurance; tax and legal advantages/disadvantages of the four business entities; basics of sales; social media; and web site design. Classes have been conducted in many locations throughout Maryland; individual class sizes range from four to 14, with the ideal size being eight to 12 per class.

Soldier for Life-Transition Assistance Program (SFL-TAP)

8501 Simonds St., Suite 105, Ft. Meade, MD 20755 • 301-677-9871

www.facebook.com/FortMeadeSFLTAP

SFL-TAP delivers a world-class transition program that ensures all eligible transitioning Soldiers have the education, training, and counseling necessary to be career–ready when they leave active duty service. SFL-TAP helps Soldiers make INFORMED DECISIONS, to include career decisions, through benefits' counseling and employment assistance.

Travis Manion Foundation

1140 3rd Street NE, 2nd fl., Washington, DC 20002 • 202-846-6819

www.travismanion.org • www.facebook.com/groups/TMFMidAtlantic

Our nation is built on timeless ideals of freedom, diversity, unity, and selfless service for the common good. America is the land of opportunity and a beacon of hope despite our cultural, social, and economic differences. TMF bridges the differences that separate us and strengthens the ties that bind us. We unite communities to build an America that values character above all else: where integrity is more important than celebrity and social impact overrides personal gain; where acts of courage, service and kindness permeate the nightly news, and where communities unite together to raise each other up.

Team Rubicon

6171 W. Century Blvd., Suite 310, Los Angeles, CA 90045 • 310-640-8787

Contact Kurt Bielefeldt at kurt.bielefeldt@teamrubiconusa.org

www.teamrubiconusa.org • www.facebook.com/teamrubicon

Team Rubicon is an international 501(c)(3) non-profit disaster response organization that unites the skills and experiences of military veterans with first responders to rapidly deploy emergency response teams, free of charge, to communities affected by disasters. We have conducted over 225 disaster response operations in the US and abroad since 2010. Just recently, Team Rubicon deployed over 2,000 volunteers to multiple counties in Texas to help residents impacted by the extreme flooding from Hurricane Harvey. Our volunteers conducted debris removal, chainsaw operations, expedient home repair, and volunteer management for the affected communities. Over the next two years, Team Rubicon will also pilot a new long-term recovery program to rebuild 100 homes affected by Harvey.

United States Department of Veterans Affairs

Veterans Benefits Administration, Baltimore Regional Office/National Capital Region Benefits Office

31 Hopkins Plaza, Baltimore, MD 21201 • 800-827-1000 • 844-698-2311

www.benefits.va.gov/baltimore • www.va.gov

VA administers a variety of benefits and services that provide financial and other forms of assistance to Veterans, their dependents, and survivors. Major benefits include Veterans' compensation, Veterans' pension, survivors' benefits, rehabilitation and employment assistance, education assistance, home loan guaranties, and life insurance coverage.

United States Department of Veterans Affairs – Center for Minority Veterans

810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420

www.va.gov/centerforminorityveterans/about/index.asp

To assist Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to "keep the promise by acting as facilitator, change agent, strategic thinker, honest broker and cheerleader to the men and women of VA in executing its mission. As internal consultants to the organization, we will facilitate VA ability to deliver services to veterans worldwide by approaching our mission with a "Veteran Comes First" philosophy based on a deep respect for the men and women who dedicated themselves to the defense of our Nation. The Center for Minority Veterans (CMV) was established by Public Law 103-446, in 1994. Title 38, United States Code (USC), Section 317 reflects the current responsibilities of the CMV.

University of Maryland Extension – Howard County

3300 N. Ridge Road, Suite 240, Ellicott City, MD 21043 • 410-313-2707

www.extension.umd.edu/howardcounty

The University of Maryland Extension is Maryland's premier outreach network, with expertise as near as residents' county and city Extension offices. The University of Maryland Extension is recognized locally, nationally and internationally for providing accessible, unbiased expert knowledge that people can use to improve their economic stability, their quality of life and community, and the environment in which they live UME programming is organized and delivered through four impact areas: local food and agricultural systems, environmental and natural Resource, healthy hiving and resilient communities.

USO Metro

contactus@usometro.org • www.usometro.org • www.facebook.com/USOMetroDC

The USO is a family of volunteers, sustained by the charitable contributions of millions of generous Americans. We are united in our commitment to support America's service members by keeping them connected to the people, places and things they love. We do this through countless acts of caring, comfort, connection and support. Our work is America's most powerful expression of gratitude to the men and women who secure our nation's freedoms.

VA Maryland Health Care System

Fort Meade VA Outpatient Clinic

2479 5th Street, Ft. Meade, MD 20755 • 410-590-4140 • 410-305-5300

VAMHCSPublicRelations@va.gov • www.maryland.va.gov

The VA Maryland Health Care System provides comprehensive health care services to veterans across the state, including medical, surgical, rehabilitative, neurological, primary, mental health, and long-term care on both an inpatient and outpatient basis. The system is comprised of medical centers in Baltimore and Perry Point, in addition to the Loch Raven VA Community Living & Rehabilitation Center and have community-based outpatient clinics, including Glen Burnie and Fort Meade.

VA Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU)

810 Vermont Avenue, Washington, DC 20420 • 202-461-4300

www.va.gov/osdbu

The VA OSDBU mission is to enable Veterans to gain access to economic opportunity by leveraging the federal procurement system and expanding participation of procurement-ready small businesses. This mission will be achieved by changing how Veteran-owned and other small business concerns, that are procurement-ready, gain access to economic opportunities. Current transformation efforts will increase awareness, reduce risk, enhance access, improve procurement mechanisms, and promote better performance in meeting small business goals by 2019.

Vet Arts Connect

An Initiative of the Institute for Integrative Health

1407 Fleet Street, Baltimore, MD 21231

Contact JW Rone at jwrone@tiih.org or 443-681-7618

www.vetartsconnect.org

Vet Arts Connect will connect Maryland's military veterans with engaging art and nature experiences using the healing powers of the arts and nature to improve the health, well-being and quality of life for our veterans. Vet Arts Connect will foster community arts engagement by using the arts to help our Maryland veterans and their families in their recovery, transition and reintegration into civilian life. It will serve as a model program for possible national replication. We are creating vital & vibrant art and nature partnerships to inspire and nurture our participating veterans. Each partnership will commit to training a group of leaders to support the veterans who will participate in these programs. These self-selecting partners will work together to determine how they will deliver their programs and help Vet Arts Connect evaluate, establish best practices and positive outcomes and create new program ideas.

Vet Centers

Baltimore County-Dundalk

1553 Merritt Blvd., Dundalk, MD 21222 • 410-790-1695

Contact Steven Fyfe at steven.fyfe@va.gov

Silver Spring Vet Center

2900 Linden Lane, Suite 100, Silver Spring, MD 20910 • 301-589-1073

Contact Wayne Stinchcomb at Wayne.Stinchcomb@va.gov

www.vetcenter.va.gov

Life isn't always easy after a deployment. That's where Vet Centers can help. Vet Centers across the country provide a broad range of counseling, outreach, and referral services to combat Veterans and their families. Vet Centers guide Veterans and their families through many of the major adjustments in lifestyle that often occur after a Veteran returns from combat. Services for a Veteran may include individual and group counseling in areas such as Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), alcohol and drug assessment, and suicide prevention referrals. All services are free of cost and are strictly confidential. All services are free of cost and strictly confidential.

Veterans History Project

101 Independence Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20540

Contact Andrew Huber at ahub@loc.gov or 202-707-1819

www.loc.gov/vets

The Library of Congress Veterans History Project archives primary source interviews, photographs, diaries, correspondence, and memoirs so that future generations may learn what it means to serve directly from those who did. Any US veteran can submit and interview to VHP, and anyone 16 or older can interview a veteran for the Project. Stop by to find out how you can participate.

Veterans of Foreign Wars — Yingling-Ridgley Post No. 7472

4225 VFW Lane, Ellicott City, MD 21043-5428 • 410-465-4240

Contact Shelby Rogers at sl1940rj0731@gmail.com

www.vfw7472.org

VFW aims to foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts; serve our veterans, the military and our communities; and advocate on behalf of all veterans.

Vetoga

www.vetoga.org • www.facebook.com/VET0GA-MD-364141960635009

VETOGA's mission is to provide yoga, meditation, and healing arts to military, veterans, their families and communities by holding free monthly yoga classes, events and veteran specific 200-hour teacher trainings throughout the year. VETOGA is a non-profit based in Washington, D.C. You can help fund our campaign by donating through the website or Facebook page.

The Village In Howard

P.O. Box 1276, Columbia, MD 21044 • 443-367-9043

4info@thevillageinhoward.org • www.thevillageinhoward.org

A nonprofit membership organization dedicated to helping seniors stay in their homes as they age. Two membership levels enable seniors to participate in educational, cultural and social activities. Neighbor to neighbor services are available for those who need transportation; small household repairs; and aid in daily activities. A supported membership is available for those who meet income requirements. Open to Howard County residents age 55 years and older.

Volunteer Center Serving Howard County

6310 Hillside Court, Suite 100, Columbia, MD 21044 • 410-715-3172

info@volunteerhoward.org • www.VolunteerHoward.org • www.facebook.com/VolunteerHoward

The Volunteer Center Serving Howard County, a program of the Columbia Association, serves as community clearinghouse for volunteerism. The Center strives to stimulate and expand volunteer service in the community by connecting people to non-profit and public agencies seeking volunteers to help improve the quality of life for all people in Howard County.

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American Red Cross Service to Armed Forces

4800 Mt. Hope Dr., Baltimore, MD 21215 • 410-624-2000

www.redcross.org

The Service to Armed Forces Department of the American Red Cross offers support to Military Members, Veterans, DOD, and their families in times of emergency and times of need. This includes our 24/7/365 emergency call service, our casework and referral services, resiliency training, and volunteers in Medical Treatment Facilities on bases worldwide. We also support our veterans by placing volunteers in VA facilities all around the country.

Army OneSource

www.MyArmyOneSource.com • www.facebook.com/ArmyOneSource

Army OneSource is a website that provides a network of services to support Active, Reserve and Guard Soldiers and their Families regardless of their component or geographical location.

Blue Star Families - Fort Meade Chapter Director

Contact Tracy Adkins at tadkins@bluestarfam.org or 410 718-1968

www.bluestarfam.org

We Know Military Families, We Are Military Families. We strengthen military families every day. Through career development, caregiving, and our leading research on military family life. We're striving to better understand and provide solutions to the challenges facing today's military families. Our programs and services reach more than 1.5 million military families every year.

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) Office of Servicemember Affairs

1700 G Street NW, Washington, DC 20552

military@cfpb.gov • www.consumerfinance.gov/practitioner-resources/servicemembers

CFPB's Office of Servicemember Affairs (OSA) works to help military families overcome unique financial challenges by providing educational resources, monitoring complaints, and working with other agencies to solve problems faced by service members.

Give an Hour

P.O. Box 5918, Bethesda, MD 20824 • 240-668-4365

info@giveanhour.org • www.giveanhour.org

Give an Hour is a national nonprofit that provides free mental health counseling to service members, veterans, their families and caregivers. Providers offer individual, couples and family counseling. Support is available face-to-face, telephonically or via HIPAA secure video counseling. Visit our site and click Get Help.

Hero Dogs, Inc.

P.O. Box 64, Brookeville, MD 20833-0064 • 888-570-8653 (fax and phone)

hero@hero-dogs.org • www.hero-dogs.org

Hero Dogs, a Maryland 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, improves quality of life for our nation's heroes by raising, training, and placing service dogs and other highly-skilled canines, free of charge with lifetime support of the partnerships. We have six staff members and more than 100 volunteers committed to the success of our mission.

Howard County Recreation & Parks Headquarters

7120 Oakland Mills Road, Columbia, MD 21046 • 410-313-7275

www.howardcountymd.gov/rap

The Howard County Department of Recreation & Parks is a county-wide service provider of diverse opportunities for all, regardless of age or ability, servicing more than 300,000 residents.

Howard County Office of Human Rights

6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, Suite 239, Columbia, MD 21046 • 410-313-6430

ohr@howardcountymd.gov • www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/County-Administration/Human-Rights

The Howard County Office of Human Rights is an entity of Howard County Government that seeks to eradicate discrimination, increase equal opportunity and protect and promote Human Rights in Howard County.

Made With Love Scarf Drive to Benefit Operation Gratitude

Contact Heather Thamer at heather@thamers.com

www.opgrat.wordpress.com/2014/01/17/scarves-for-troops

If you would like more information on how you can knit or crochet a hat or scarf for deployed service members, contact Heather Thamer for more information.

Maryland Dept. of Housing and Community Development

7800 Harkins Road, Lanham, MD 20706 • 301-429-7400

www.dhcd.maryland.gov

Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) works with partners to finance housing opportunities and revitalize great places for Maryland citizens to live, work, and prosper. DHCD's Maryland Mortgage Program offers a variety of loans with great rates and generous down payment and settlement cost assistance for Veterans and Military families.

Maryland Humanities

108 W. Centre Street, Baltimore, MD 21201 • 410-685-6161

Contact for Veterans Oral History Project: Judy Dobbs at jdobbs@mdhumanities.org

Contact for Veterans Book Groups: Andrea Lewis at alewis@mdhumanities.org

www.mdhumanities.org

Maryland Humanities is a statewide, educational nonprofit organization that creates and supports educational experiences in the humanities. In partnership with veterans' service organizations across the state, Maryland Humanities has developed two programs for veterans and active duty military, their families, and the public at large that use the humanities to explore the history, experience, and meaning of war and military service: Veterans Oral History Project and Veterans Book Groups.

Maryland Employer Support Guard and Reserve (ESRG)

5th Regiment Armory, 219 29th Division Street, Baltimore, MD 21201 • 410-234-3809

Contact Stephen Majchrzak at stephen.a.majchrzak.ctr@mail.mil

www.esgr.mil

We help National Guard and Reserves jobseekers with employment opportunities.

Military OneSource

800-342-9647 • www.militaryonesource.mil

Military OneSource is a confidential DoD-funded program providing comprehensive information on every aspect of military life at no cost to active duty, National Guard, and reserve members, and their families.

Mobile Vet Center (Department of VA)

1777 Reisterstown Road #199, Baltimore, MD 21208 • 410-764-9400 • 877-WAR-VETS (927-8387)

Contact Tim Ligons at Timothy.Ligons@va.gov

We are here to provide veterans in rural areas access to VA benefits and care.

Neighbor Ride, Inc.

5570 Sterrett Place, #102, Columbia, MD 21044 • 410-884-7433

information@neighborride.org • www.neighborride.org

Neighbor Ride enables ambulatory Howard County seniors (age 60+) to remain active and independent by providing reasonably priced supplemental volunteer transportation utilizing drivers who provide rides using their personal vehicles. Subsidies are available for income-eligible seniors.

Rebuilding Together Howard County

8775 Centre Park Drive, #519, Columbia, MD 21045 • 410-381-3338

info@rebuildingtogetherhowardcounty.org • www.rebuildingtogetherhowardcounty.org

Rebuilding Together Howard County, formerly known as Christmas in April, is a nonprofit organization that provides free, year round home repairs to low-income families in Howard County. We are committed to improving the lives of veterans and their families who can no longer afford to keep up with the demand of pricy home repairs that would keep them safe, warm and dry.

Serving Together, a Program of EveryMind

1000 Twinbrook Parkway, Rockville, MD 20851 • 855-738-7176

peernavigator@servingtogetherproject.org • www.servingtogetherproject.org

Serving Together is EveryMind's commitment to veterans, connecting military, veterans and their families to resources and support in the DC Metro Area. Whether you prefer to access local resources through our online resource directory or with the guidance of our dedicated Peer Navigators who provide direct, one on one support, Serving Together makes it easier for all of those who have served in the Armed Forces, National Guard or Reserves, and their families to get to the resources they have earned.

The Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic

1420 Spring Street, Silver Spring, MD 20910 • 240-847-7510

www.easterseals.com/DCMDVA/our-programs/cvn-home.html • www.facebook.com/CohenClinicESDC

The Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at Easterseals provides veterans, their families and the families of active duty military with high-quality, accessible, low or no-cost, integrated mental health care services. The Cohen Clinic will also help connect veterans and their families with community resources and services, as necessary. The clinicians and staff have been trained to work specifically with veterans and military families.

TeamRWB - Team Red, White and Blue

Contact Mike Clancy at michael.clancy58@gmail.com or 443-691-8942

www.teamrwb.org • www.facebook.com/groups/teamrwbbaltimore

Team RWB's mission is to enrich the lives of America's veterans by connecting them to their community through physical and social activity. Veterans, military, and civilians can join the team by going to the membership page at www.teamrwb.org and signing up. Team RWB members share more than just values. We share an ethos – a set of guiding beliefs and ideals that characterize our community. An ethos persuades or inspires people to action...and that is what our organization is all about. While ethos can be sometimes hard to define, you certainly know it when you see it. Ethos is demonstrated, not stated. Come join us and wear the Eagle!

Veteran Artist Program

42 Broome St. #3, Brooklyn, NY 11222

Contact Jeremy Paris at iparis@veteranartistprogram.org or 443-865-3392

www.veteranartistprogram.org

The Veteran Artist Program was created to foster, encourage, and promote veterans in creative fields. Since 2009, VAP has worked with national veteran and arts organizations to produce six music/theatrical live events, filmed three documentaries, one feature film, curated gallery exhibits, provided videography/photography services, and helped organize more than 30 community improvement projects.

The Veterans Consortium, Pro Bono Program

2101 L Street, NW, Suite 420, Washington, DC 20037

Contact Claudia Daley at Claudia. Daley@vetsprobono.org or 202-733-3328

www.vetsprobono.org

The Veterans Consortium provides free legal services to over 400 Veterans and their families, survivors and caregivers each year, ensuring equal access to justice in court and achieving favorable outcomes in 82% of its cases. TVC recruits and trains top-notch volunteer attorneys for over 25,000 nationwide corps of volunteers and then matches them with clients, and provides expert mentoring throughout the appeals process.

Veterans Curation Program

816 N. St. Asaph Street, Alexandria, VA 22314 • 571-312-4717

www.veteranscurationprogram.org

The Veterans Curation Program (VCP) was created to process at-risk archaeological collections belonging to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Processing these collections to federal standards for long-term storage and access is undertaken by cultural resource management firms familiar with the work. The VCP is a five-month, paid training program that provides veterans with tangible work skills and experience through the rehabilitation and preservation of archaeological collections owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. We are seeking eligible veterans for both part-time and full-time job opportunities in our Alexandria, VA, Augusta, GA, and St. Louis, MO laboratories. Please visit our website for application information.

Veteran Resource Podcast

4405 Raymond Ave, Sykesville, MD 21784

Contact Jeremy Paris at parisj13@gmail.com

www.veteranresourcepodcast.com

I interview veteran organizations each week to inform veterans of what programs and opportunities are available to them and their family members. There are thousands of veteran organizations...let's learn about them together.

Winter Growth

5460 Ruth Keeton Way, Columbia, MD 21044 • 410-964-9616

ruthkeetoncenter@wintergrowthinc.org • www.wintergrowthinc.org

Winter Growth provides community-based care for seniors and disabled adults. With customized services that are respectful of and responsive to individual preferences, needs and values, Winter Growth offers Assisted Living, Adult Medical Day Programs and both hourly and overnight Respite Care. We are a VA authorized Adult Day Health Care provider.

The following employers have partnered with the Maryland Department of Labor Veteran Employment Office and seek to recruit veterans and military spouses for employment.

Care First Blue Cross Blue Shield

www.carefirstcareers.ttcportals.com

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

7500 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21244

CMSRecruitment@cms.hhs.gov • www.cms.gov/CareersatCMS

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), a federal agency within the Department of Health and Human Services, runs the Medicare and Medicaid programs - two national health care programs that benefit over 100 million Americans. Join the team that helps ensure health care security for millions of Americans!! CMS works in partnership with the entire health care community to improve quality and efficiency in an evolving health care system and provides leadership in the broader health care marketplace. Our effectiveness depends on the capabilities of a dedicated, professional staff that is committed to supporting these objectives.

Chimes

4815 Seton Drive, Baltimore, MD 21215 • 410-358-6400 www.chimes.org

After starting in 1947 in a Baltimore church as a special education day school serving five students with intellectual developmental disabilities and their families, Chimes has grown over the years and expanded its services to meet the changing needs of its community.

Now known as Chimes Family of Services, we provide a wide variety of offerings. Chimes DC is always looking for great people interested in doing great work. We offer a variety of employment opportunities for people with disabilities who want to work in custodial services. All positions with Chimes DC offer competitive salaries, attractive benefits packages, and advancement opportunities.

Corewood

www.corewoodcare.com

Edwards Performance Solutions

www.edwps.com/careers

General Dynamics

www.gd.com/careers

Howard County Fire & Rescue

6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, Suite 400, Columbia, MD 21046 • 410-313-4473 www.hcdfrs.org

Howard County seeks professional, dedicated, enthusiastic women and men to join its department. This is firefighting and EMS work at the entry level. We hold diversity as a high priority within our department and recognize the dedication and skill of all members; we will create and maintain an environment of individual safety, well-being, and trust. We are guided by: Service to Others, Integrity, Honesty, Accountability, Professionalism, Compassion, Respect, and Safety. Embracing and celebrating diversity has been a reason why Howard County residents enjoy a high quality of life. Join us to be the difference.

Howard County Police Department

3410 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21044 • 410-313-3375

Contact PFC. Jeremy Zhou, Recruitment Section at yzhou@howardcountymd.gov www.HCPD.org

The Howard County Police Department is a nationally accredited agency of more than 600 men and women dedicated to creating a better quality of life for the citizens of Howard County. Our officers demonstrate the highest standards and are guided by the agency's values: Integrity, Pride and Community. The department's size is just right for those who want a law enforcement career with many different opportunities. The department is small enough that officers have the chance to work in numerous specialty units, but large enough to have all the best equipment, services and technology. The department is currently looking for ambitious men and women seeking careers in law enforcement who are able to meet our high standards.

If you are interested in joining one of the most progressive police departments in the country, you must successfully complete a written exam, physical agility test, personal history questionnaire, oral interview, polygraph examination, background investigation, medical examination and psychological screening.

Maryland Emergency Management Registered Apprenticeship Program

Mid-Atlantic Center for Emergency Management at Frederick Community College

7932 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick, MD 21702

Contact Kathy Francis at kfrancis@frederick.edu or 240-629-7804

The Mid-Atlantic Center for Emergency Management (MACEM) at Frederick Community College (FCC), in partnership with the Maryland Emergency Management Agency, Maryland colleges and universities with emergency management programs, and select host employers have created a new emergency management apprenticeship program. The MACEM serves as the program sponsor and leads the Maryland Emergency Management Registered Apprenticeship Advisory Committee. The Mid-Atlantic Center for Emergency Management is an educational center of excellence, specializing in preparedness, planning, and partnerships.

Southwest Airlines

www.southwest.com/html/about-southwest/careers/index.html

Transportation Security Administration (TSA/DHS)

www.tsajobs.tsa.dhs.gov

TSA was created to strengthen the security of the Nation's transportation systems and ensure the freedom of movement for people and commerce by working closely with transportation, law enforcement and intelligence communities to set the standard for excellence in transportation security.

UPS

www.jobs-ups.com

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

600 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001 • 301-955-7064

www.wmata.com/careers

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (Metro) operates and maintains safe, reliable, and effective transit service that enhances mobility, improves the quality of life, and stimulates economic development in the National Capital Region.



EMAIL veterans@howardcountymd.gov

URL www.howardcountymd.gov/veterans

If you need this information in an alternate format, contact the Howard County Office of Veterans and Mllitary Families at 410-313-6400 (voice/relay).